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Hi,

I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed:

- 1- MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non- Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows users.
- 2- The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.
- 3- The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.
- 4- The ruling must include a "must-carry" rule, so that any OEM Microsoft is supplying Windows with HAS to "dual-boot" an alternative operating system, in this case BeOS, in order to remedy the damage MS has done to BeOS in the past.

What Microsoft did and still does doesn't respect at all the freedom of expression that USA defends. People have the right to know that exists other Operating System than Windows and to choose which one is better.

Thank you very much and I hope that justice will be made.

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